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DEQ announces Keep Louisiana Beautiful 2006 awards

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality recognized 11 award winners at the 5th annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference on Aug. 24. The awards ceremony was in Lake Charles and was part of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful conference.

The Keep Louisiana Beautiful awards are designed to give special recognition to organizations that have developed outstanding litter prevention, beautification and community improvement, waste reduction and law enforcement programs in their communities. Recipients of the awards may include nonprofit, civic, community organizations, youth groups, schools, government agencies, businesses and professional organizations.

The Dianne Chandler Award is given to a citizen of exceptional leadership in raising public awareness about litter prevention, roadside and community beautification, solid waste issues and the need for citizens to participate in activities that preserve and enhance natural resources and public lands.

This year the award winners are:

BEAUTIFICATION AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT: 1. St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Ronny Theriot; 2. Entergy Corporation; 3. Covington Gardens Partnership.

LITTER PREVENTION: 1. Keel Slidell Beautiful, Parade Anti-Litter Program; 2. City of Denham Springs; 3. Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: 1. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, Law Enforcement Division; 2. Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Deputy Richard Elam; 3. Lafayette Consolidated Government, Environmental Quality Division.

WASTE REDUCTION: 1. Lafayette Consolidated Government, Environmental Quality Division

DIANNE CHANDLER AWARD: Ralph Sterba, retired from Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier Parish. Sterba is credited for beginning curbside recycling on the base, along with other recycling efforts at Barksdale.